

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Ryan F. Pitaro
MASANORI ARITOMI	)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal was submitted herewith. Prior to examination on the merits, and in response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2007, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the claims are presented in the listing starting on page 2; and
- Remarks are presented starting on page 9.